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### ABOVEBOARD WITH THE BOYS

William H. Morgan's Remarks to a Woman Who Questioned Habit of Smoking.

William H. Morgan, who conducts one of the best boys' camps in Maine, has studied human nature in both boys and men, and knows just what to expect of people. The mother of a boy at his camp noticed that several of the instructors smoked and she wondered if this wasn't setting a bad example to growing boys. Mr. Morgan replied, remarks Collier's:

"Regardless of what we may think about the propriety of smoking, we are obliged to recognize the fact that the majority of active men do smoke. If you select instructors who do not smoke you limit your field and may have to do without other desirable qualities. Or if you ask men accustomed to smoking suddenly to change their habits and do without tobacco for two months, the chances are that they will slip away and smoke when nobody is looking. The boys are bound to learn of this and then they have the example of men doing things on the sly, which is infinitely more harmful than the example of smoking would be. I don't care anything about smoking myself, but I do light a cigarette occasionally before the boys so that they won't think that maybe I smoke only in secret. Nothing is so important for a boy as to learn to do whatever he does do in the open."

### PARTICULAR ABOUT HER VEIL

Rummage Saleswoman Learned Something From Woman Customer She Failed to Please.

The Woman Who Sees had had no acquaintance with rummage sales other than seeing such posted signs, so when she was asked to be such a saleswoman she was thrilled. Her table was covered with scraps of silks, laces, veils, discarded collar and cuff sets and things in their category. Late in the afternoon a dear old lady, wearing an expensive Persian lamb coat, came up to her and asked if she had any gray veils. The Woman Who Sees said that she had, and immediately produced one from among the veil pile.

"This is a very pretty one, and it has a deep, lacy border; it ought to look well on you. It is such a good-looking taupe shade."

The dear old lady held the veil up to her face, and asked how much it was.

"Eight cents, madam."

"But isn't it too gray for me, dear?"

"No, I shouldn't think so. Besides, it is the best veil I have here; no holes in it, and scarcely worn."

The old lady fussed a bit, smiled, and walked away. But in ten minutes she had returned and said, "Dear, I'm afraid the color is too deep for my skin. Thank you."—Exchange.

Eat at the Busy Bee.

## The King of the Hill

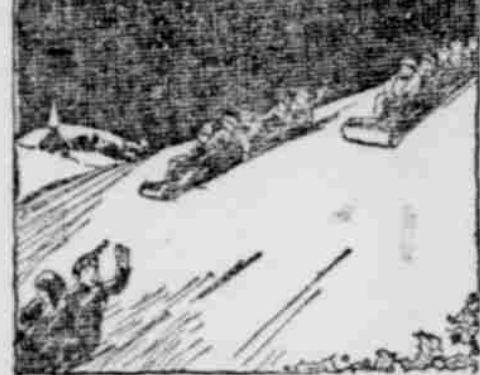
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THE long hill glistened in the winter moonlight like a frosted cake. The road that ran down it like a silver ribbon, reaching across the valley, lost itself in a shimmering haze of snowy whiteness. The wind, as if afraid of awakening the sleeping town, had hushed itself into stillness, waiting along the way and under the shadows of the quiet trees for the signal of dawn. The scene was an invitation to a sport now largely displaced by rushing motor cars, but then one of the chief delights of the Christmas season. The bobbed of those days and nights was the pride of owners and the prize winner of competitions. The annual of the Slater Hill race course registered triumphs as real and momentous as those of any race track.

The moon had watched with an expectant eye until ten of the clock and was about to retire under a passing cloud in disappointment, when the clamor and shouting of an approaching crowd renewed its spirit. From a side street they came, merry lads and lasses, with those of later years who had not forgotten how to be young. Soon the head of the hill was crowded with competitors and the air rang with the bustling preparations for the first race.

The sleds of that time were no ordinary affairs. Large enough to hold from four to six passengers, they rejoiced in significant titles and all the beauty and comfort that their maker's art could put into shape, paint and upholstery. When loaded and on a



Competing Sleds Dashed Away.

steep and icy road they were swift enough to distance the wind, and uncontrolled by bit and bridle, they could not be stopped before reaching the foot of the incline. There was thus enough of adventure in their trips to furnish the tingling excitement that kept out the winter cold. The good-natured rivalry, too, gave interest to the sport.

This year there was a special reason for the gathering, for Tom Atkins, having received a Christmas present of a sled of the latest style and named "The King of the Hill," had been boasting that the title was a just one and arousing all the determination that the others had to prove him wrong. The "Lart," the "Racer," the "Dauntless," the "Peerless," and others as glorious were eager to beat the untitled and vaunting newcomer.

The first race was inconclusive, for Atkins got a false start and tipped his lead over into a snow bank. The second and the third races gave the laurels to the "Lart" and the "Peerless," respectively, and left Atkins' heart in his boots; but the fourth attempt ended with "The King of the Hill" a rod ahead and with its owner's chin protruding and uplifted. Then time went by with varying fortunes until the concluding and deciding contest. It was agreed that the winner of this final should be crowned the king of the hill indeed, with none to dispute his right.

Amid the hubbub of these last arrangements no one had heard the distant whistle of "The Flyer," as the night express for Boston was called, and the competing sleds dashed away down the long descent without a thought of danger, nor, until half way down, did any danger appear, but then the locomotive's headlight flashed around the curve and upon the crossing, now but a short distance away, with a baleful and threatening glare. The other sleds, somewhat in the rear, were steered into the roadside snow or left to take care of themselves as their riders rolled off, but "The King of the Hill" kept on, in seeming ignorance of the imminent collision. Not until the warning blasts of the engine whistle seemed to startle him into action did Atkins move to save himself and his load. Then, with a wrench of his steering gear and a sturdy leg-sweep, he brought his sled about, throwing it over upon its side and upon its frightened load as the train swept by, almost brushing them on its way.

It was what the barber called "a close shave," and what Atkins called "as good as a mile," but the boys called it a victory and rode Atkins home on "The King of the Hill" with their full indorsement of the title.

The old hill is still there. It glitters yet in Christmas moonlights. But the boys and girls of the bobbed time have grown old, the later generation has new toys, and the glorious fun of Slater's Hill is but a memory. A pleasant memory it is, though, and that is a brave, bright spot in it that registers the night when Tom Atkins got a double score in beating both the racers and the train on his "King of the Hill."

## POULTRY

ROUP IS DANGEROUS DISEASE

Delicate Fowls Have Very Severe Attacks and Recover Slowly—Isolate Sick Birds.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

One of the worst results of the wet and inclement weather of fall and early winter is the disease of chickens commonly called roup. It resembles the more malignant forms of influenza in larger animals and in man, attacking principally the membranes lining the eye, the sacs below the eye, the nostrils, the larynx and the trachea. It is attended with high fever and is very contagious, but the nature of the germ is not yet known. However, it is known that contagion is brought into the poultry yard by infected birds, outbreaks of roup in the fall occur most commonly where the growing chickens are overcrowded in the coop or where the coops are not waterproof or are poorly ventilated. Sometimes these are birds purchased from other flocks, and sometimes they are birds from the same flock which have been on exhibition and exposed to contagion. Again, they are wild birds or pigeons which fly from one poultry yard to another.

Delicate birds have very severe attacks and recover slowly, as pointed out in Farmers' Bulletin 1657, published by the United States Department of Agriculture. Often a chronic condition persists for a long time and birds so affected give and spread the disease for a year or more, becoming a starting point for many new outbreaks.

All symptoms are similar to an ordinary cold, but there is more fever, dullness and prostration. The eyelids are swollen and held closed most of the time. The birds sneeze and shake their heads in their efforts to free the air passages. Sometimes the eyes are entirely closed and birds are prevented from finding food. This, of course, results in rapid loss of strength, and many of the birds die within a week.



Comfortable, Roomy Winter Lodgings for the Hens Means Plenty of Eggs.

or ten days. Some of the affected ones recover and others continue weak and have a chronic form of disease for months.

The best treatment is to place sick birds in a warm, dry, well-ventilated room free from drafts, and away from the rest of the flock. An antiseptic and heating mixture should be applied to the affected membranes. Lacking a spraying apparatus, a small syringe and oil can, or even a medicine dropper, may answer the purpose, or the bird's head may be plunged into a basin of the mixture and held there for a few seconds. The most suitable remedies are: Equal parts of hydrogen peroxide and water; boracic acid, 1 ounce, water, 1 quart; or permanganate of potash, 1 dram, water 1 pint.

### WINTER SHELTER FOR GEES

Shed Open on South Side With Plenty of Straw or Shavings Is Most Satisfactory.

Except in stormy weather or in the winter mature geese seldom need a house. A shed open on the south side, a poultry house, or a barn usually is provided by breeders in the North, and is used by some breeders in the South. The United States Department of Agriculture. Coops, barrels, or some other dry shelter should be provided for the young goslings. But wherever they are the geese should have a clean place, with plenty of straw or shavings for the floor during the winter.

### KEEP POULTRY FROM CATTLE

Unless Herd Has Been Found Free From Tuberculosis Fowls Should Be Separated.

Poultry kept on dairy or general live stock farms should not be allowed to run with cattle unless the herd has been tested and found free from tuberculosis. Poultrykeepers are beginning to realize that if they are to buy healthy birds they must get them from places where the live stock is known to be free from tuberculosis.



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